

Senate Resolution 337

By: Senators Murphy of the 27th, Rogers of the 21st, Thomas of the 54th and Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ryan Ernstes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ryan Ernstes, of Holly Springs, Georgia, has earned national recognition with
3 a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

4 WHEREAS, established in 1995 by Prudential Financial and the National Association of
5 Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award honors young
6 volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to service
7 in their community; and

8 WHEREAS, a junior at The Walker School, Ryan Ernstes organizes an annual 5K charity
9 race to raise money for Smile Train, a nonprofit organization that funds surgeries to repair
10 cleft lip and palate impairments for disadvantaged children worldwide; and

11 WHEREAS, as race director, Ryan advertises the race, recruits sponsors and volunteers,
12 orders supplies, manages the computer database of participants, maintains the race website,
13 and organizes setup and cleanup duties on the day of the race; and

14 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of communities, and the vitality
15 of this nation depend heavily upon the service of young people and their willingness to
16 devote their time, energy, and talent to others; and

17 WHEREAS, Ryan Ernstes represents the true spirit of service, peer leadership, and
18 responsibility, and the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation to the future of this
19 bright and promising young student.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Ryan Ernstes's incredible community service to this state and extend
22 congratulations for being recognized with a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ryan Ernstes.